

AGRICULTURE

STATE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Notice of Availability of Grant Funds and Application Deadline

Farmland Preservation, Nonprofit Acquisition Grant Program

Take notice that in compliance with N.J.A.C. 2:76-12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, the State Agriculture Development Committee announces the availability of the following State grant funds.

- A. Name of grant program:** Farmland Preservation, Nonprofit Acquisition Grant Program.
- B. Purpose:** To provide a grant to private nonprofit organizations for up to 50 percent of the cost of acquisition of development easements on specific farms or up to 50 percent of the cost of acquisition of fee simple titles to specific farms from willing sellers.
- C. Amount of money available:** The State Agriculture Development Committee shall establish an amount of the grant award for the Fiscal Year 2018 funding round and a maximum funding limit per farm, or per applicant, will be determined based on available funds and farm priorities. There is no minimum or maximum grant request amount. Any funding awarded by the State Agriculture Development Committee may be subject to approval by the Garden State Preservation Trust and the appropriations process.
- D. Organizations that may apply for funding under the program:** A tax exempt nonprofit organization that is exempt from Federal taxation pursuant to section

501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501 (c)(3) and which qualifies for a grant pursuant to the Garden State Preservation Trust Act, N.J.S.A. 13:8C-42, P.L. 1999, c. 152.

E. Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered for funding: To

qualify for grant consideration, the board of directors or governing body of the applying tax exempt nonprofit organization shall:

1. Demonstrate to the State Agriculture Development Committee that it qualifies as a nonprofit organization that is exempt from Federal taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501 (c)(3), and that qualifies for a grant pursuant to the Garden State Preservation Trust Act, N.J.S.A. 13:8C-42, P.L. 1999, c. 152;
2. Demonstrate that it has the resources to match the grant requested;
3. Acquire a development easement on farmland or acquire land in fee simple title to be permanently preserved for farmland preservation purposes pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-12, 13, 14, 15, and 16; and
4. Agree to enter into a project agreement with the State Agriculture Development Committee in the event a project is approved by the State Agriculture Development Committee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 2:76-16.1.

F. Procedure for eligible organization to apply: All interested applicants should

write to the address below or call (609) 984-2504 for an application package.

Applications can also be obtained online at

www.state.nj.us/agriculture/sadc/farmpreserve/programs/nonprofit.html.

G. Address to which applications must be submitted:

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State Agriculture Development Committee

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Trenton, New Jersey 08625

H. Deadline by which applications must be submitted: Completed applications must be received by the State Agriculture Development Committee on or before April 3, 2017.

I. Date by which applicant shall be notified of approval or disapproval: It is anticipated that applicants will receive notice by June 22, 2017.